AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

21. (new) A method for an composing electronic mail message comprising the steps of:

(a)   composing a body of a message;

(b)   selecting registrant data for a prescribed area;

(c)   selecting attributes and a setting for association with the body of the message, the attributes and the setting for determining a list of recipients of the message according to the registrant data in the prescribed area; and

(d)   sending the message to the list of recipients.

22. (new) A method as recited in Claim 21, wherein the attributes are a group name, file name and template.

23. (new) A method as recited in Claim 21, wherein the setting is selected from a group consisting of: transmitting the message only to destinations identified in the prescribed area; transmitting the message to destinations identified in the prescribed area plus any additional destinations associated with the attributes; and transmitting the message only to the additional destinations associated with the attributes.

24. (new) A server for processing electronic mail in communication with clients over a distributed computing network, the server comprising:

(a)   a memory storing an instruction set, templates, rules for settings, group names associated with a plurality of registrants, and mail addresses related to the plurality of registrants; and

(b)   a processor for running the instruction set, the processor being in communication with the memory and the distributed computing network, wherein the processor is operative to:

(i)   read a setting and a group name from attribute information associated with an electronic mail message;

(ii)   determine the plurality of registrants associated with the group name;

(iii)   detect destinations in a prescribed region of the electronic mail message;

(iv)   classify the plurality of registrants into a first group associated with the group name and a second group not associated with the group name;

(v)   determine a list of recipients for the electronic mail message according to a rule associated with the setting, the rule being for determining whether the first and second groups receive the electronic mail message; and

(v)   transmit the electronic mail message to the list of recipients.

25. (new) A server as recited in Claim 24, wherein the prescribed region is within the attribute information.

26. (new) A server as recited in Claim 24, wherein the electronic mail message includes an attachment, and the processor is further operative to determine a list of recipients for the attachment based upon applying the rule associated with the setting.

27. (new) A server as recited in Claim 24, wherein the setting is selected from a plurality of options by the user who composed the electronic mail message, each option having a rule associated therewith.

28. (new) A server as recited in Claim 27, the processor is further operative to classify a third group being destinations associated with the group name but not part of the plurality of registrants.

29. (new) A server as recited in Claim 28, wherein the rules are selected from the group consisting of: the list of recipients is the first group; the list of recipients is the second group; and the list of recipients is the first and second group with a carbon copy to the third group.

30. (new) An e-mail apparatus comprising:

first means for composing a body of a message;

second means for selecting registrant data for a prescribed area;

third means for selecting attributes and a setting for association with the body of the message, the attributes and the setting for determining a list of recipients of the message according to the registrant data in the prescribed area; and

fourth means for sending the message to the list of recipients.

31. (new) An e-mail apparatus as recited in Claim 30, wherein the first means is a desktop computer.

32. (new) An e-mail apparatus as recited in Claim 30, wherein the second means is a desktop computer.

33. (new) An e-mail apparatus as recited in Claim 30, wherein the third means is a desktop computer.

34. (new) An e-mail apparatus as recited in Claim 30, wherein the first means is a computer in communication with a distributed computing network.